

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1763

PATENT APPLICATION
Do. No. 6946-010

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In re application of: Toshihiko Hanamachi; Toshihiro Tachikawa; Hideaki Fukuda

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For: CERAMIC HEATER DEVICE AND FILM FORMING DEVICE USING THE
SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Responsive to the Final Office Action, dated January 6, 2003, please amend the
application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims are amended to read as follows:

1. A heater device, comprising:
- a heater defining a substantially horizontal planar upper heating surface; and
 - a ceramic plate having a substantially horizontal planar lower surface conforming to and supported by said heating surface but not fastened thereto, the ceramic plate substantially entirely covering said upper heating surface, said ceramic plate including an upper supporting surface for supporting an object to be heated by heat conduction through said ceramic plate from said heater to such an object,
- whereby said ceramic plate can be easily placed on and removed from said upper heating surface of said heater.

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